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Three of the cited references are U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,598,136, and 4,256,617; and U.S. Pat. App. Pub. 2002/0016636A1. As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of these three (3) cited U.S. Patent documents are not enclosed.

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The International Search Report cited International Publication WO 96/39201, and EP 0 867 422 A2, copies of which are enclosed.

The International Search Report also cited DD 268 114 A3, a copy of which is enclosed. An English translation of this reference has been procured, and is enclosed.

The International Search Report also cited DD 268 119 A3, a copy of which is enclosed. An English translation of this reference has been procured, and is enclosed.

The International Search Report also cited DD 268 130 A3, a copy of which is enclosed. An English translation of this reference has been procured, and is enclosed.

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